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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES: KANSAS-LENINGRAD
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1. POST AGREES WITH DEPT IN PRINCIPLE ON VALUE OF STARTER
GRANT SUCH AS THAT FOR KANSAS-LGU PROJECT OUTLINED REF, AND
HAS BLOCKED OUT PLACE FOR IT AMONG STARTER GRANTS IN
FY 77-78 COUNTRY PLAN AND BUDGET WHICH HAS NOW BEEN
DRAFTED. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, FURTHER EXPLORATION OF
SOME POINTS BE MADE BEFORE ANY COMMITMENT IS MENTIONED TO
KANSAS FOR 14,400 TO FUND EXCHANGE.

2. FOR EXAMPLE ARE US UNIVERSITIES PROVIDING FUNDING
BEYOND TUITION, AND MAINTENANCE? FOR SOVIETS IN US? IF SOVIETS PAY
TRAVEL
OF THEIR PEOPLE AND LOCAL COSTS OF US STUDENTS AND DEPT
PAYS US TRAVEL, THIS WOULD SEEM TO LEAVE KANSAS WITH
RELATIVELY SMALLER SHARE OF OVERALL EXPENSE OF EXCHANGE.
CAN DEPT OBTAIN FROM UNIVERSITIES BREAKDOWN OF EXPECTED
COSTS?

3. BELIEVE FIRM PRINCIPLE IN THESE GRANTS SHOULD BE
THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL
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PROPORTION OF PROGRAM, SO THAT US SPONSOR WILL NOT BECOME

EXCESSIVELY DEPENDENT ON USG FUNDING IN FUTURE YEARS.
PURPOSE OF GRANTS SHOULD BE TO STIMULATE PRIVATE OR
STATE-LEVEL FUNDING RATHER THAN JUST TO GET PROGRAM
STARTED. IF LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY ARE
NOT GOOD, THEN GRANT SHOULD NOT BE MADE. HAVE UNIVERSITIES
SOUGHT OR RECEIVED TO DATE NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR
PROGRAM, E.G., CORPORATE, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, OR
FOUNDATION SUPPORT?
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